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SUBJECT: HAMBURG COALITION SURVIVES ANOTHER CDU ATTACK

1. ON JANUARY 12, THE CDU OPPOSITION IN THE BUEGERSCHAFT (HAMBURG'S PARLIAMENT) WITH THE MASSIVE SUPPORT OF THE SPRINGER PRESS BEHIND IT, MOVED THAT JUSTICE SENATOR ULRICH KLUG (FDP) BE CALLED UPON BY THE BUERGERSCHAFT TO RESIGN. PREDICTABLY THE SPD-FDP COALITION REJECTED THE IDEA. THE VOTE WAS STRICTLY PARTISAN.

2. BACKGROUND: A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE HAMBURG CLEMENCY BOARD, OF WHICH KLUG IS THE CHAIRMAN (ITS OTHER FOUR MEMBERS ARE SPD) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT WILHELM ROSENBAUM A SIX MONTHS LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM PRISON ON HEALTH GROUNDS (ROSENBAUM, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE SS WAS SENTENCED TO LIFE IN 1968 FOR THE MURDER OF SOME 148 JEWS IN POLAND IN 1942 AND 1943).

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3. WHATEVER THE MERITS OF THE DECISION ITSELF, THE TIMING OF ITS ANNOUNCEMENT COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN WORSE FOR HAMBURG'S FIRST MAYOR HANS ULRICH KLOSE (SPD), WHO LEARNED OF IT WHILE ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL. KLOSE'S ANGER WAS, THEREFORE, UNDERSTANDABLE, SHARP AND PUBLIC, THUS PRESENTING THE CDU WITH AN EXCELLENT

TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY IN ITS CONTINUING EFFORT TO
DESTROY THE PRESENT COALITION.

4. COMMENT: THE SPD DOES NOT HAVE A MAJORITY IN THE
BUERGERSCHAFT. THE NEXT LAND ELECTION IN GERMANY WILL
OCCUR IN THE SPRING OF 1978 IN HAMBURG. THE SPD WILL
PROBABLY NOT WIN AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY THEN EITHER. THE
FDP FACTION HAS DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY TO STICK BY KLUG.
THE FDP DOES NOT JUDGE THE HAMBURG CDU TO BE AN ACCEPT-
ABLE COALITION PARTNER NOW. ERGO, THE COALITION AND
KLUG MARCH ON. WHAT'S IN A NAME? KISELYAK

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